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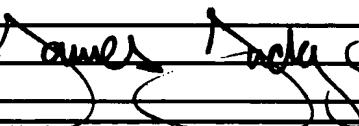
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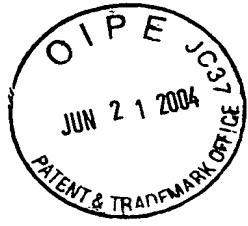
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REMARKS

Of the presently submitted references listed on Form PTO/SB/08A, Cite Nos. F1 and F2 are not in English.

Concise Explanation of Relevance/Copy of Translation **Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)**

A concise explanation of the relevance of Cite No. F1 is incorporated into the specification in the present application at paragraph [0006] (and of Cite No. O1 as well, at paragraph [0005]).

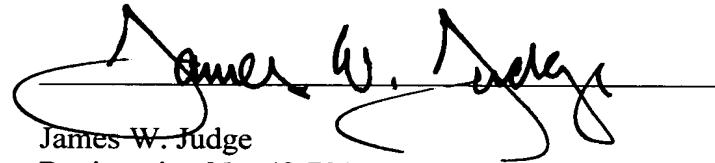
Furthermore, an English abstract of Cite No. F1 is available on the Japanese Patent Office website through Patent Abstracts of Japan, and the corresponding abstract is attached to the front of this reference.

As to the relevance of Cite No. F2, the English abstract provided by WIPO in the International Publication (No. WO 03/081304 A1) of this reference is available and is attached to the front of the reference.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these references, and to indicate so on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08A and make the document of record in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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